LOUIS XV & THE "BIEN-AIMÉS" OF THE 21ST CENTURY

In his six volumes book (1864-73) dedicated to the history of Europe during the reign of Louis xv, King of France, Alphonse Jobez (1813-93) is drawing a sharp, compelling critique of the absolutism from all times.

One of the examples of the arbitrariness and cruelty of a govern desperately set to stifle any form of critique and dissent is the execution (1758) of a Parisian "bourgeois" (Morisseau de la Motte), who dared to air his discontent with the authorities. The political censorship of the absolute French monarchy, reinvented by the "revolutionary Terror", is well alive in our times, a sign of weakness and cowardness of governments or organizations of "law & order", issued from the "people's will".

Quelques-uns disaient qu'on ne fait point mourir des gens pour des paroles et de simples écrits : d'autres espéraient qu'il aurait sa grâce; mais on a voulu faire un exemple sur un bourgeois de Paris.